

# GUILLERMO ARANDA

## THE MURALIST

Throughout Watsonville, he's known as "Yermo," the artist who has used art as a healing medium. Aranda has worked with prison inmates and at-risk kids at making larger-than-life paintings liberated from the class conscious space of galleries and museums. His murals, almost always group projects, are popping up all over the county, at Juvenile Hall, at Santa Cruz's Ark School, and, of course, his most visible work which can be seen from Highway 1 near the Skyview Drive-In. His works resonate with mythical themes that reflect his Latino/Native American heritage; though opening up others to the spiritual dimensions of art crosses all cultural boundaries.



# SPOTLIGHT

JANUARY 3, 1997 • SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SENTINEL